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**Subject:** Submission for the Organised Criminal Groups Legislation

I would like to put forward this submission to express my significant concerns in relation to the proposed "Bikie Laws"

I'd just like to start off by saying that I, along with a majority of Tasmania's are nothing but disappointed in the way this government is trying to turn Tasmania.

I am a motorcycle fanatic and I also support a motorcycle club. I always have done and always will. These clubs aren't the big bad drug dealers you think they are. Why are they being targeted? Because they are an easy target that's why and it's absolutely ridiculous.

These men are hard working men who have family's, and pay their taxes just like everyone else. Yeah some may have criminal records, but I can guarantee you they were before they were a member of a club. Clubs don't condone violence, drugs and intimidation like the government and media try to tell the public. And if there's any drug dealing going on within a club it's off a members own back, it's not a club thing, if they get done by police it's theyre own stupid fault. Clubs have rules put in place about drugs and if members are caught selling or using hard drugs they are kicked out. Same as any other association. What's the difference between them and say football club? There's bad eggs in them to. Like the old saying goes, just because there's a few bad ones don't tar the rest with the one brush. The exact same thing as muslims, just because there's a few bad ones in them doesn't mean the rest are terrorists.

What's wrong with the laws put in place already? If someone breaks the law they are dealt with in whatever way needs be. Stopping people from associating and stripping people of their pride (colours) will do absolutely nothing. If there's people in clubs that do illegal things then banning colours will not stop that

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at all, and if someone in a club was going to do something illegal they aren't going to wear their club colours are they, that's plain ridiculous.

Wouldn't the police rather know who's who? It's the same as banning club houses. Wouldn't the police rather know where they are? You ban colours and the place they spend all their time know one will know where they are or who's who and I know for a fact that the police would rather know.

Another thing is if you ban club colours, they won't know if someone on a bike is a member of a club or just old joe blow going for a ride. Which there's no difference between the two really.

I fail to see how forbidding riders from these police nominated Clubs from wearing their club colours will help curb the police alleged criminal activity.

Why can't the police be given the resources they need to do their job? If their intelligence is so good and accurate as they claim, and that they know who's doing it, then why don't they simply catch them and charge them. If it's not that simple, why do we have this smoke screen?

The statistics have shown these laws haven't worked in other states, so why want to bring them in here?

This is discrimination and totally against the constitution. You can't take away peoples freedom like this it's illegal in itself. It's a waste of Taxpayers money and Police resources. Find the real criminals and leave the clubs alone they aren't the problem. Tasmanian government has the wool pulled over their own eyes and I hope to god they realise and take it off.

Given the total population of Tasmania, by the Police's own admission, the total number of so called Outlaw Bikie Club

members is less than 0.05% of the population, yet they think introducing these new laws is a good idea to target any minority group in this way is simply un Australian, and in my opinion goes totally against the established Human Rights laws in this country.

Wake up Tasmania

